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DISABILITY SENSITIVITY TRAINING

Disability Sensitivity Training is being conducted by the City of Whitehorse May 5, 6, 7, & 8th, 2008 at Hellaby Hall in downtown Whitehorse.

This is staff development training and focuses on issues relating to persons with disabilities. Course participants will benefit from training in four modules:

Module #1 – Visible Mobility

Module #2 – Hearing Loss

Module #3 – Vision Loss

Module #4 – Seniors & Invisible Disabilities

The course offers a unique opportunity for staff to interact with a consultant as well as volunteer mentors from the disability community to learn how to relate and communicate with persons with disabilities.

The time required to complete this course is one day per participant and there are over 100 members of both staff and Council participating over the four days.

Mayor Bev Buckway says "The training results from the work being done by the City of Whitehorse's Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee and Council is very pleased to see this course being offered as we believe everyone benefits, including our staff, our citizens, and the community as a whole."

Council adopted a Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee Terms of Reference October 10, 2006. Councillor Jeanine Myhre is the ex officio representative from Council and the other members of the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee are Rick Goodfellow (Chair), Pat Berrel (Vice-Chair), Len Slann, Brian Eaton, Jillian Campion, and Karen Robutka.

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